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EOD Tech.: Priceless

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Attention to detail

Some USAFE mishaps preventable

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong

Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany—A recent rash of mishaps within U.S. Air Forces in Europe compels me to ask all USAFE personnel take a moment to step back and assess attention to detail in their work and home activities.

Several mishaps within the past two months could have been averted if individuals had paid more attention to detail in their activity at hand. We had an F-16 ingest a plastic pod cover into its engine; a KC-135 crew damage its multi-point refueling system; and three F-15 aircraft sustain various levels of damage from bird strikes within a two-hour period. In addition, during transport activities, a C-130 propeller unit was damaged when dropped from a forklift.

In off-duty activities, we've also had some preventable accidents. A couple was seriously injured in a head-on collision when the distracted driver drifted left of centerline, and a USAFE motorcyclist is still in serious condition after he drifted wide in a turn and struck a guard rail.

These mishaps represent a disturbing trend that must be stopped before we lose an aircraft, or worse, a life. The investigations of these mishaps are still ongoing, but in each case there appears to have been

an opportunity for an individual to pay closer attention to the task at hand. Had they paid closer attention, they would have been able to assess the risks of their actions and make a decision that could have reduced risk and potentially averted the mishap.

The investigations will likely yield recommendations to further improve procedures. However, there is never a substitute for active leadership, at all levels, to keep everyone properly focused on completing their tasks correctly.

Whether it is a last check to remove covers before a jet engine start, or putting off distractions to keep in the proper lane while driving, I need commanders and supervisors to emphasize the importance of keeping each individual focused on each task. Attention to detail, following established procedures and guarding against complacency are still our best front-line defense against mishaps.

You must put forth a renewed effort to emphasize attention to detail in daily tasks. We cannot afford to lose combat capability by destroying an aircraft, aircraft parts, or other resources. And finally, we can never replace the enthusiasm and courage each individual brings to our Air Force if they are injured or killed in a preventable mishap. Do your part to lead the charge in stopping this trend of mishaps!

Air Force selects Incirlik as outstanding unit

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander, announced the wing's receipt of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award July 21.

"Despite the past turmoil, U.S. Air Forces in Europe never lost sight of the importance of Incirlik's strategic location and robust infrastructure," Colonel Gardiner said. "This location puts Incirlik Airmen in the hot seat of operations, providing an opportunity to demonstrate their professionalism and technical proficiency in cooperation with our Turkish hosts."

The Outstanding Unit Award recognizes the 39th ABW team for missions accomplished from Dec. 15, 2001 through July 14, 2003.

"Team Incirlik not only overcame various challenges, but accomplished them with skillful execution and sustainment," Colonel Gardiner said.

During that time, the then 39th Air Base Group, provided meritorious service during several missions. It delivered crucial support to several operations, hosted and saw the deployment, employment and redeployment of eight Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotations, and composed the projection hub in the global war on terrorism in its support of more than 50 joint expeditionary units and coalition squadrons with more than 10 airframe types that flew more than 15,000 missions.

"This award is a reflection of the combined

individual efforts of our folks out there in each squadron that do a little extra every day on the job," Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Toohey, 39th ABW command chief master sergeant.

The 39th ABW supported more than 120,000 operations and safely controlled \$5.2 billion in U.S. and British air assets daily.

"Our position at the crossroads between Europe and Asia is and continues to be a major factor as we are well postured to support full-spectrum operations," Colonel Gardiner said. "Our past missions prove it, this award validates it and we owe it to our nation, our allies and our Turkish hosts to remain ready and prepared, at a moment's notice, for whatever the future may throw our way.

"Incirlik Airmen should be proud," Chief Toohey said. "The Air Force reserves this award for units that go above and beyond, and they made that happen at Incirlik. Remember, regardless of your job, conscientiously make an effort to do your best and never settle for good enough."

"Team Incirlik is among the best of the best and I am honored to be the commander of this winning team," Colonel Gardiner said. "Being recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is not a surprise with the team of professionals I have the pleasure of commanding, but it serves as a reminder that we must remain 'fit for the fight.' Our mission is crucial to the United States, its allies, our Turkish hosts and NATO interests."



The Outstanding Unit Award was established January 6, 1954, by Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbot.

The award may be awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units such as Air Forces, air divisions, wings, groups and squadrons and to medical facilities such as hospitals, clinics and medical centers (whether or not they are numbered) for exceptionally meritorious service or exceptionally outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. Heroism may be involved, but is not essential.

The Outstanding Unit Award is worn after the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and before the Organizational Excellence Award. Additional awards of the Outstanding Unit Award are denoted by oak leaf clusters. Effective November 15, 1961, Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards given for combat or direct combat support entitle the unit to have the letter "V" embroidered on its streamer and individuals to wear a bronze "V" device on the ribbon.

Incirlik Airman found guilty of blackmarketing

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An Incirlik Airman was found guilty of blackmarketing during a summary court martial July 17.

The Airman received a reduction in rank from staff sergeant to senior airman, restriction to base for 60 days and a verbal reprimand.

"The Airman needed to accomplish paperwork for personal business and a few of his Turkish friends offered to help him by giving him a ride," said Capt. Mechel Campbell, 39th Air Base Wing Legal Office military justice chief. "Upon arriving in Ankara, these 'friends' informed him that in exchange for the ride and for paying for the gas, the Airman needed to do them a few favors. They paid for the gas but his 'friends' asked for a lot in return."

The favors included having the Airman purchase \$2,600 of merchandise and gas coupon books from the base exchange and commissary in Ankara on his Turkish friends' behalf.

"He purchased a large amount of items in a two-day time span," said Lt. Col. Antoinette Kemper, 39th Air Base Wing director of staff and summary court officer. "This sent up red flags to the store managers."

The Turkish nationals walked away with \$2,600 of new merchandise, but the Airman was not so lucky.

"Even good people make bad decisions," said Colonel Kemper. "However, there can't be leniency when our people contribute to illegal activity. Blackmarketing is a serious crime."

Blackmarketing in Turkey is defined by the legal office as "any giving, selling or transferring of any item to a Turkish national (or anyone else not entitled to duty free goods) that was not purchased on the Turkish economy."

Even passing on used clothing, a pack of cigarettes or a can of coffee is considered blackmarketing.

"Blackmarketing jeopardizes our entitlements as military members," Colonel Kemper said. "It also strains relations with our host nation. They understandably take this crime very seriously."

"I weighed my decision heavily; taking a stripe should not be taken lightly," she said. "We entrust our young Airmen with a lot of responsibility, and most bear that responsibility with maturity and professionalism. However, as the Airman in this case found out, there has to be consequences for those who breach that trust."



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Bare Essentials

Estela Campos, 39th Services Squadron Hodja Inn quality control inspector, prepares a Bare Essentials package. Bare Essentials is a family survival kit containing food items to help families get through their first or last 24 hours at Incirlik. The kits are available at Hodja Inn for \$37. For more information or to order a kit, call the lodging front desk at 6-9357.

Voting: Absentee ballots can make a difference

By Capt. Kimberly Layne
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – In the Nov. 2 General Election, the next president, vice president, 34 senators, 435 representatives, 13 governors and hundreds of local officials will be elected, and American voters play a very important role in this process, said Maj. Rickey Harrington, U. S. Air Forces in Europe voting officer.

"The military has a strong voice, and it is imperative that every member is afforded the opportunity to register and vote," said Major Harrington.

"We are making sure that installation voting assistance officers and unit voting assistance counselors are making 100 percent contact with every member to ensure they are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card application (for registration) is no later than 45 days prior to the election date or 30 days prior (to the election) for the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

The registration process is quite easy, said Major Harrington. As long as you complete and mail the necessary paperwork before the posted deadline, your vote will be counted.

The Military Postal Service Agency is also taking precautions to uphold the integrity of the voting system. Each absentee envelope will be inspected by post office receipt and dispatch personnel for proper date stamping.

"We believe this will diminish the problems we saw in 2000," said Tech. Sgt. Wes Smith, Ramstein-North Post Office post master. "Incomplete and inappropriate postmarks, which plagued the last general election, will not be a problem this time."

For more information about overseas voter registrations, click on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.

Airman convicted of multiple charges

At a general court-martial convened in May, an Airman from the 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron was convicted of multiple charges, including failure to go, larceny, false official statement and writing bad checks.

The charged incidents began as early as August 2002 and continued until April 2004.

After having reached a verdict of guilty on all charges, the military judge sentenced the Airman to 14 months of confinement, a reduction to the grade of E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct

discharge.

According to Capt. John Harwood, who served as the government's trial counsel on the case, the stiff verdict was warranted.

"This verdict should serve as a stern lesson to this young Airman," he said. "As a result of her bad acts catching up with her, she now has a 14 month jail sentence, a federal conviction and a ruined Air Force career to remind her of how the Air Force, her commander and society in general expects her to act." (*Courtesy of the 39th Air Base Wing Legal Office.*)

May/June Article 15s

♦ A senior airman received nonjudicial punishment for violating two specifications of Article 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by deceitfully signing an official record. The Airman's punishment included suspended reduction to airman first class, 45 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman received nonjudicial punishment for violating Articles 92 and 128 of the UCMJ by failing to obey a no-contact order, failing to obtain command approval prior to traveling outside the local area and assaulting another person. The Airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman first class and suspended forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months. As a result of these and other actions, the Airman was eventually discharged from the Air Force.

♦ An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violating Article 92 of the UCMJ for failing to obey a no-contact order. The Airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman received nonjudicial

punishment for violating Article 92 of the UCMJ by using a government travel card for unofficial purposes. The Airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman received nonjudicial punishment for violating Article 92 of the UCMJ by failing to obtain command approval prior to traveling outside of the local area. The Airman's punishment included suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class.

♦ An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violating Article 113 of the UCMJ by leaving post while posted as a sentinel. The

Airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman basic, 45 days of base restriction and 45 days of extra duty.

♦ A staff sergeant received nonjudicial punishment for violating Article 113 of the UCMJ by leaving post while posted as a sentinel. The sergeant's punishment included reduction to senior airman, 45 days of base restriction, 45 days of extra duty and a reprimand.



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Government 99 phone access

Calls made to the local area off base will be charged 72,000 Turkish Lira per minute starting Sunday. Commercial calls will be forwarded to telephone control officers for verification. For more information, call you unit TCO or 6-COMM.

Humanitarian Service Medal

The Air Force authorized wear of the Humanitarian Service Medal for Operation Enduring Freedom.

During OEF, hundreds of Airmen participated in the packaging and delivery of nearly 2.5 million individual Human Daily Rations that were air-dropped to beleaguered Afghans. The medal recognizes this and other humanitarian operations that took place from Oct. 7, 2001, to May 31, 2002.

To qualify for the medal, Airmen must have been individually assigned or attached to a unit participating in the humanitarian efforts and have provided direct, hands-on participation in the relief actions that affected locations with the land area, airspace or waters of Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Gulf of Oman or the Arabian Sea designated as 20 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude. For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775.

FormFlow

After replacing FormFlow software with the Information Management Tool viewer, officials at the Air Force's departmental publishing office recently sealed the deal by officially taking down all FormFlow forms from its online Web site repository.

Established at www.e-publishing.af.mil, users will no longer find "forms" as they once knew them to be called. Instead, they can find IMTs, the new name for forms in the Air Force. As of June, all FormFlow products were replaced with their corresponding IMTs.

For legal and records-management purposes only, publishing officials are saving all FormFlow forms in a special archive, and will release them to the public on an "as-needed" basis.

Years of training, months separated from families, days of hard work and hours of preparation come down to four simple words ...

Fire in the hole

By Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

They do not hold a grudge; they are not out for revenge; and there do not receive any glory or fame.

Yet every week they kill or wound hundreds of people.

"They may have a job they are designed to do, but so do I," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Hammer, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight craftsman. "Explosive ordnance are not selective in their nature, but they are still made with one purpose in mind ... to take life and destroy property, and it's my job to stop them whenever I can."

Though it may seem like a thrill-seeking daredevil's dream come true, Sergeant Hammer said there is no room in EOD for loose cannons.

"There's no room in this job for glory hounds," he said. "We live and die by safety procedures and training."

EOD technicians put themselves in harm's way with the purpose of protecting life and property from the hazards of unexploded ordnance. Training is a key factor in fulfilling that mission, especially in an overseas location like Turkey.

Last week, six members of the EOD flight here joined with Turkish Air Force EOD technicians throughout Turkey to share knowledge on ordnance disposal techniques in Konya, Turkey.

"The training styles are much different," said Senior Airman Joseph Gorney, 39th CES EOD journeyman. "We train one way while they train another. On a real-world call, everyone has to be 'on the



Photo by Senior Airman Edward Albietz
Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians dispose of two general-purpose bombs and one missile warhead while doing joint training with the Turkish Air Force EOD in Konya, Turkey.

same page.'

"At times there's a language barrier that can be difficult to work around," he added. "Speech is very important. You can tell if someone is confident in what they are doing or trying to be confident and interpreters can take that away from a situation if they are not careful. That's why it is important for us to keep working with the Turks, so that our relationship keeps growing over time."

Some Turkish officers go through a U.S. training course at Navy School of Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., alongside American EOD students. After initial schooling, joint training continues in the field.

"Whether we are working together on the range or on a real call, our lives are in each other's hands and we need to know how we react while in a panic or when our lives are in danger," said 1st Lt. Ahmet Akarca, Turkish Air Force EOD officer. "We need to practice a lot to understand each other."

Due to the increased terrorist threat, Sergeant Hammer said they are more likely to

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Staff Sgt. Kevin Hammer
39th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight craftsman

work with the Turkish EOD now than they did in the past.

"They live in this country; they know what the threat is more than we do," he said.

When they are not training, members of the EOD flight are deployed or TDY supporting the U.S. Secret Service.

"We may be the guys you see running into a building when everyone else is running out, but it's not all guts, glory and glamour," said Airman Gorney. "I admit we have some down time. But, we're in one of those career fields you don't necessarily want to be hard at work."



Photos by Senior Airman James Seymore III



Training

(Above) Staff Sgt. Michael Correll, 39th Services Squadron sports director and personal trainer, assists Judy White with her sit-ups.

(Left) Sergeant Correll spots Master Sgt. Keith Releford, 39th Air Base Wing emergency actions controller, in weight lifting. The fitness center offers personal training for anyone interested in starting or changing a fitness routine. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Bike maintenance — Outdoor recreation offers bicycle maintenance and repair from basic tune-up to parts replacement. For more information, call 6-6044.

Belly dancing — People can learn belly dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Lap swim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Massage therapy — The fitness center has two licensed massage therapists on staff. People can schedule an appointment Mondays through Sundays between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Extreme Summer points — People can earn Extreme Summer points by submitting a FitPoints report. The report is at the FitLinxx Web site at www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com under "Workouts." For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

Voting

This year, Americans at home and abroad will vote in elections to fill Federal, state and local offices. We will elect a president, vice president, 34 U.S. senators, the entire U.S. House of Representatives, 13 state governors and hundreds of local officials. The election outcome will shape the nation's future.

Here are 10 things to do to help ensure your absentee vote is counted

- ♦ Start by contacting the voting assistance officer or calling 6-VOTE for help in absentee registration and voting.
- ♦ Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site at www.fvap.gov for information on the absentee registration and voting process.
- ♦ Ensure you applied for your absentee ballot using the hard copy or online versions of the Federal Post Card Application.
- ♦ Make sure your local election official has your current mailing address.
- ♦ Sign and date all election materials.
- ♦ Fulfill your state's witness or notary requirements (if required).
- ♦ Ensure your ballot or FPCA is postmarked.
- ♦ Register to vote and request your ballot in a timely manner – no later than September.
- ♦ VOTE – mail your ballot no later than Oct. 15.
- ♦ Use the Federal Write In Absentee Ballot if you are overseas and your state absentee ballot does not arrive in time to be mailed back by the state's deadline.

Self-help projects

Family Housing and dormitory occupants are encouraged to un-

dertake self-help projects in their houses or dorm rooms to improve their comfort or lifestyle. However, all self-help projects must be approved by the housing office to ensure the requested work is authorized. Self-help requests must be submitted to the housing office on Air Force Form 332 for approval.

All self-help work must be removed and the affected area restored to its original condition prior to your PCS-out. Some unauthorized self-help work includes exterior projects which detract from the appearance of the house or neighborhood. Landscaping modifications around the house and in the backyard must not alter the drain slope of the ground away from the house or close off drain holes in the backyard fences.

If you have any questions regarding any self-help work you anticipate performing around your house or room, check with the housing office at 6-6232 first to ensure what you propose to do is authorized and will be approved.

Turkey road hazards

When driving in Turkey, keep the following safety tips in mind

- ♦ Street markings (signs) often pose a hazard to traffic.
- ♦ Road hazards such as potholes, more often than not, remain unmarked.
- ♦ Railroad crossings are poorly marked and sometimes the wrong signs are posted.
- ♦ E-5 is a divided, four-lane highway used by farmers, vendors, truckers, shepherds, etc., so use extreme caution and expect any situation to pop up.
- ♦ Remember local drivers drive offensively rather than defensively.
- ♦ Narrow medians make turning or crossing hazardous.
- ♦ Traffic lights look the same, but operate differently. They turn from red to yellow to green and green to yellow to red.
- ♦ Ensure your brake lights are working to lessen the risk of being rear ended.

If you have any questions please call the safety office at 6-SAFE. As always, report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

Tech. Sgt. Rayniero Saavedra was incorrectly identified in last week's edition of the *Tip of the Sword*. Sergeant Saavedra is from the 39th Security Forces Squadron.

Action Line addresses including families in trips

Concern: I recently moved here and am very excited to be able to get out and explore. My daughter is 11 years old and we were told the trips through outdoor recreation are for those 12 and older. We went to the youth center to see if they have family trips and were told they were not planning any trips for a while due to the absence of one of their office staff who coordinates trips. Is there anything that can be done to include entire families? We moved here from Japan and our youth center offered family trips once a month. It was a great way to enjoy the sites and spend time with your family.

Response: Welcome to Incirlik. The base offers many venues you and your family can

use to enjoy Turkey. In reference to your concern regarding outdoor recreation, It's important to understand that while minimum age requirements prohibit certain individuals from participating, they also identify the overall risk and skill levels required, which helps minimize potential injury and reduce liability. Other programs are geared toward specific target audiences such as singles, couples, families or certified personnel only.

Outdoor recreation occasionally offers family programs such as camping, tubing, biking and hiking. As a result of your feedback, we will begin to advertise future trips with minimum age requirements and the intended target audience.

The youth center also offers trips; some

of the youth center's upcoming trips include Aqualand, Mersin, M-1 mall and Kizkalesi. In addition, Talay Travel, located in the consolidated club complex, can customize trips to meet your interest. I encourage you to look in the 39th Services Squadron "Happenings" magazine. You may be pleasantly surprised at the numerous trips available. Thank you for showing an interest in our programs and allowing our people to serve you.

For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670, outdoor recreation at 6-6044, Talay Tours at 6-6049 or the chapel at 6-6441.

—Col. Michael Gardiner
39th Air Base Wing commander
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Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Baggy pants

Question: Mehmet, I was wondering about the baggy pants worn by some Turkish men and women. Please tell me about them.

Response: Those pants are called salvar, pronounced as "shul-vahr." They are one of the most practical garments ever designed. They are worn in every region, and each region has its own design and special cut to meet the daily requirements of people's work.

Before elastic became common here, ties were threaded through the ankle casings to gather the folds of material. Even the ties used to gather the waist of the salvar vary in each region. In Alanya on the Mediterranean Sea, the ties for men are often hand-woven, brightly-striped, raw-silk sashes.

The actual construction of the salvar reflects the nature of the people and embodies the Turkish sense of thrift and economy. It's interesting to note that salvar invariably takes four meters of cloth to make, which is 40 centimeters wide. There is little cutting or seaming, and like the Konya style of salvar, there are no side seams.

Today salvar is worn mostly by villagers, maids and some housewives while cleaning house due to the comfort they give to the wearer and the easiness in getting them on.

As you know, it's hot and humid in summer. The size and shape of salvar allows air circulation and helps reduce perspiration. While working in fields, kneeling and bending is done easily in these pants.

In recent years, salvar has become an item given as a souvenir. It is generally called "seven days pants" by Americans.

If you do not have a pair yet, at least try one to feel its comfort.

Splashing around

Question: Mehmet, I often see people in Turkey splashing the ground with water. If they splashed it on soil, I would think



Courtesy photo

A Turkish man wears salvars during the summer months.

they are watering seeds. However, they are usually throwing the water on concrete in front of their shops or onto an asphalt road. In fact, I have seen a water truck drive up and down the Alley spraying the road down. What are they doing and why?

Response: Shop keepers and locals splash the ground or the yard in front of their houses. That action does not have any historic, religious or cultural reasoning. The only reason for it is the hot weather and heat.

People splash water on the ground in front of their shops and houses to cool down the ground. By cooling the ground, people do not get additional heat from it. Also, the coolness from the wet ground helps to beat the hot weather.

Concrete and asphalt get hot very quickly and give off heat as well. In order to cool the roads, trucks specially designed for that purpose spray the roads in the Alley and other cities having hot weather.

Another reason for spraying the roads is to keep the dust down by wetting it.

In Turkish

toz - dust
(tohz)

sicak - hot, warm
(se-juk)

su - water
(sue)

pantolon - pants
(pahn-toh-loan)

koy - village
(koey)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Today

Teen movie — The youth center hosts a Teen Movie Night from 8 to 11 p.m. For more information, call 6-6670.

Movie of the month — The community center is showing "Against the Ropes" at 6 p.m. for free. For more information, call 6-6966.

Saturday

Mini triathlon — The Country Plains Riding Club and the physical therapy flight is sponsoring a mini triathlon at 7 a.m. starting at the base pool. The triathlon consists of a 400-meter swim, 7.6-mile bike ride and a 2.2-mile run. Cost is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for groups of three. For more information or to register, call Angela Hill at 6-2153 or Dawn Welton at 6-5234.

Sunday

Membership breakfast — The club hosts a Membership Appreciation Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Breakfast is complimentary for members and their spouses. For more information, call 6-6101.

Monday

After Six grand opening — The After Six grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Hours of operation for After Six, located in the same bowling alley building, are Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sponsorship training — The Family Support Center hosts a class to help train sponsors and provide the most up-to-date information and other resources to help facilitate a smooth move for incoming people and their families. For more information call 6-6755.

Thursday

Back to school tips for parents — The family support center sponsors a We Don't Need No Education class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class offers back-to-school tips for parents. Topics include dealing with the pressure of changing routines and addressing issues that face children new to school. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Upcoming

Incirlik Club Focus Group — The Incirlik Club Focus Group meets Aug. 11 in the Piper Lounge at the club. For more information, call services marketing at 6-8412.

SVS Intro Day — The 39th Services Squadron offers an intro day to newcomers starting in August. The intro includes breakfast, a services fair, a tour of the base and a trip to Adana. For more information, call Vic Hayes at 6-6679.

Ongoing

School registration — The high school office is open for registration Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children in grades seventh through twelfth can be registered at this office. For more information, call Tevfik Esberk at 6-6330.

New youth skate club — The club teaches new techniques and is open to children ages 10 through 18. Adult volunteers are also needed. For more information, call the 6-6670 or 6-3263.

ITT hours — Information, Ticket and Tours is located in the club complex. Their hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 6-6049.

Participate in Extreme Summer, win prizes — Earn points for participating in events and programs at base facilities for chances to win \$150,000 in prizes at www.extremesummer.com. For more information, call Jean Best-Richardson at 6-8411.

Conversational Turkish

— The community center sponsors a conversational Turkish class Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the family support center at 6-6966.


Summer Sunday breakfast

— Ala carte breakfast will be served at the club instead of brunch during the summer months from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

Pet adoption — The stray animal facility is open Saturdays from 9 to

10 a.m. for pet adoptions and donations. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood at 6-6072 or Staff Sgt. Adena Eberhardt at 6-1164.

Base pool — Open swim hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lap swim hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pool passes are on sale at outdoor recreation. For more information, call the outdoor recreation at 6-6044.



COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Monday

CWOC meets — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meets at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. For more information, call 6-6441.

Tuesday

Daily Mass — Catholic Daily Mass is at the chapel in the Blessed Sacrament Room Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Monday

CMOC meeting — Catholic Men of the Chapel meets at 7 p.m. at the chapel annex. For more information, call 6-6441.

Upcoming

CYOC meets — The Catholic Youth of the Chapel are planning a trip to the miniature golf course Aug. 8. For more information, call Larry Schneck at 6-5747.

Opinion meters

— As part of the Customer College program, opinion meters will be used starting in August to help measure customer service. U.S.

Air Forces in Europe

will determine questions and locations for consistency. For more information, call Rebecca Allen at 6-8289.

Ongoing

Receive free welcome gift at the library — Children new to Incirlik can join the library and receive a newcomer's gift bag. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

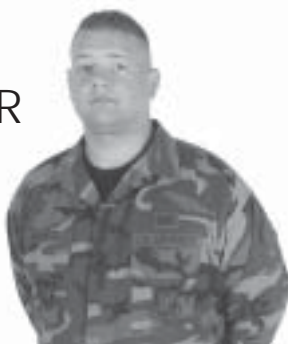
Combat Care car care

— While military members are deployed, spouses are entitled to free minor maintenance. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alicinne Peebles at 6-6755.

Girl Scouts

— The Girl Scouts need volunteers to fill positions of secretary, treasurer, events coordinator, troop leaders, troop consultants, hut manager, public relations coordinator, recruiter and troop organizer. For more information or to volunteer, call April Rogers at 6-5748, 6-6321 or 0535-214-8514.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Greg Profitt,
39th Comptroller Squadron customer
support technician

Time in service: Three years

Time on station: Six weeks

Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska

Hobbies: Music, reading and weightlifting

Why did you join the Air Force? For school

and the opportunity to travel.

What do you like most about Incirlik? My co-workers and the work environment.

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? I help ensure military and travel pay documents are inputted correctly and in a timely manner.

What's your favorite motto? "No money, no mission"

What Air Force core value best describes you and why? Service before self because I will do whatever is asked of me to help the mission.

Supervisor's quote: "Senior Airman Profitt shows great initiative and attitude when combating issues at work on a daily basis," said Staff Sgt. Naomi Frese, 39th CPTS customer support NCO in charge. "He really shows he is trying to achieve excellence in all he does."

YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Election Day is Nov. 2. Why do you think it's important to vote?

"Voting is a great example of our freedom as Americans."

— **Stephen Hills,**
Army and Air Force
Exchange Service



"So you can be a part of the decision-making process."

— **Master Sgt. Rowena Benitez-Clark,** 39th Maintenance Squadron



"So everyone's voice is heard."

— **Senior Airman Ronnie Blanco,** 39th Maintenance Squadron



"It's one of our basic rights. What more can you ask as an American?"

— **Master Sgt. Randy Spiller,** 39th Operations Squadron and son, Aaron, 4 months



"You can't complain unless you vote."

— **Staff Sgt. Kristin Robinson**
39th Air Base Wing
Command Post



CLASSIFIEDS

Lost: Gold men's link bracelet lost July 7 at the fitness center. Reward if returned. For more information, call 6-5989 or 0532-233-6924.

For sale: Small entertainment center, \$20; baby crib with mattress, \$40. Call Larry at 6-5747 or e-mail schneckster@hotmail.com.

For sale: Brand new microwave oven, \$30 OBO, need to sell due to PCS, can be used here and stateside. For more information, call 6-5328 or e-mail rascal@plateautel.net.

For sale: Transformers, like new, 300 watt, \$30; 1,000 watt, \$60; 1,600 watt, \$80. For more information, call 6-6210.

For sale: Sony DSC-717, 5.0 megapixel digital camera, eight months old, Carl Zeiss lens, 5x zoom, MPEG HQ. Asking \$675 OBO. For more information, call John at 6-3110 (days)

and 6-5466 (nights and weekends.)

For sale: 110V transformer, bought new from base exchange furniture store, asking \$75. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Michelle Bloxson at 6-8742 (days) and 6-2095 (nights).

For sale: 1987 Toyota Hilux J-spec P/U, 103K KM, air conditioned, pioneer CD, rancho shocks, BG Goodwrench MT/KM tires, great condition, \$2,500 OBO. For more information, call Mark at 6-5536.

For sale: Motorola T250 cell phone with original box and accessories plus sim card, \$180. For more information, call 6-5489.

For sale: Queen-size, four-poster bed with mattress, excellent condition, paid \$950, asking only \$500 with mattress. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Higgins at 6-6611 (days) or 6-5444 (nights).

For sale: One 25-inch color TV, \$25 OBO. Two 19-inch color TVs, \$10 each. For more information, call Ryan Parslow at work at 6-3213 or 0533-216-6906.

Combat Proud

Base Pride... Mission Pride

Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail combat.proud@incirlik.af.mil



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Child enrichment

Marian Wilkinson, child development center program director, works with children at the center. The CDC offers an enrichment program Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3-year-olds from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 4- and 5-year-olds from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The enrichment program provides age-appropriate developmental activities and socialization opportunities for children. The CDC is also looking into starting a 2-year-old enrichment program in early September. If interested, people can fill out a survey over the phone by calling the CDC at 6-6553.



AT THE MOVIES

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Today

Mean Girls (PG-13) — Starring Lindsay Lohan and Tina Fey. Raised in the African bush country, Cady thinks she knows about “survival of the fittest.” But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules teenage girls face today. Showing at 7 p.m. (97 minutes)



Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) — Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Gary Oldman. A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there is only one thing he wants: Harry. While learning to cope with

the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts, a school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and yet more of his own history. Showing at 9 p.m. (142 minutes)

Saturday

13 Going on 30 (PG-13) — Starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Jenna makes a wish to be all grown up and have the life she has always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she is 30 years old and not 13 anymore. She is a gorgeous successful woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough. Showing at 5 p.m. (97 minutes)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) — Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Gary Oldman. Showing at 7 p.m. (142 minutes)

Sunday

Laws of Attraction (PG-13) — Starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore. Two New York divorce attorneys, Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases



at work? Showing at 7 p.m. (87 minutes)

Thursday

Man on Fire (R) — Starring Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning. A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of the 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her. Showing at 7 p.m. (147 minutes)



At the M1

Spiderman 2 (PG-13) — 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (128 minutes)

Laws of Attraction (R) — 12:45 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (87 minutes)

Cabin Fever (R) — 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (95 minutes)

Stepford Wives (R) — 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (95 minutes)

Taking Lives (R) — 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m., and 11:30 p.m. (100 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.